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# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

## Report of the Sixth Committee

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 47/35 of 25 November 1992.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. In connection with the item, the Sixth Committee had before it the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, 1/ which was introduced by the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country at the 35th meeting, on 23 November 1993.

4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 37th meetings, on 23 and 24 November 1993. The summary records of those meetings contain the views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item (A/C.6/48/SR.35 and 37).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.6/48/L.10)

5. At the 37th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Cyprus introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" (A/C.6/48/L.10), sponsored by Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire and Cyprus, later joined by the Russian Federation.

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1/ A/48/26; to be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/48/26).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/48/L.10 without a vote (see para. 7).

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, 2/

Recalling Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations 3/ and the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations 4/ and the responsibilities of the host country,

Recognizing that effective measures should continue to be taken by the competent authorities of the host country, in particular to prevent any acts violating the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

Noting the spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding that has guided the deliberations of the Committee on issues affecting the United Nations community and the host country,

Welcoming the increased interest shown by Member States in participating in the work of the Committee,

Welcoming also the efforts to explore ways to rationalize the work of the Committee, and in particular its agenda,

1. Endorses the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 58 of its report; 2/

2. Considers that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the normal work of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations is in the interests of the United Nations and all Member States, and expresses the hope that the host country will continue to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of missions;

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2/ Ibid.

3/ Resolution 22 A (I).

4/ See resolution 169 (II).

3. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the host country, and hopes that problems raised at the meetings of the Committee will continue to be resolved in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;

4. Voices its concern that the amount of financial indebtedness resulting from non-compliance with contractual obligations of certain missions accredited to the United Nations has increased to alarming proportions, reminds all permanent missions to the United Nations, their personnel and Secretariat personnel of their responsibilities to meet such obligations, and expresses the hope that the efforts undertaken by the Committee, in consultation with all concerned, will lead to a solution of this problem;

5. Welcomes the lifting of travel controls by the host country with regard to certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities, and expresses the hope that the remaining travel restrictions will be removed by the host country as soon as possible, and in this regard notes the positions of the affected States, of the Secretary-General and of the host country;

6. Supports the efforts of the Chairman of the Committee, Member States and the Secretariat to explore ways to rationalize the work of the Committee and its agenda, permitting it to remain efficient and responsive, and in keeping with the overall spirit of its mandate;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to remain actively engaged in all aspects of the relations of the United Nations with the host country;

8. Requests the Committee to continue its work, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".

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